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UPND president Hakainde Hichilema lays a wreath on the grave of late Mangango member of parliament Naluwa Mwene who died in a road accident last week - Picture by Brian Mwiinga



A Zambia Army armoured truck moving at a high speed and in the opposite direction of oncoming traffic crashed into one of the booths at Kafulafuta Toll Gate yesterday. NREA could not state why the truck was driving in opposite direction at high speed, but only stated that security vehicles are exempted from paying toll fees and referred queries to police

KALABA GEARS

By Mirriam Chabala

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By Zondiwe Mbewe

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By Thomas Mulenga

Musa Dudhia and Company, one of the largest and oldest law firms in Zambia, has sponsored an inter University Moot Court competition for law students from four Lusaka based Universities. Speaking in an interview with News Diggers! When the law firm held the moot court quarter final competition for the University of Zambia law students, at the Confucius institute, Musa Dudhia partner, Abigail Chimuka said the competition was aimed at building the advocacy skills in law students and prepare them for the industry. Chimuka said the law firm believed that the country's legal system could only work efficiently if lawyers were well trained. "This event is called a moot court, this is the second time we are running it, last year we did it with only the University of Zambia. This year we have four Universities: Cavendish University, University of Lusaka, ZICAS and UNZA itself. The idea is to build advocate skills, the reason we want to build advocacy skills is that we believe in making our clients feel safe, and the bulk of our clientele is foreign investors. So when they come, one of the questions they ask before they invest in Zambia is; 'does the court system work? If we bring in our money and something goes wrong, are we able to sue, get a judgment and enforce that judgment?' So they want to know if the court system works, and the court system

Musa Dudhia inter University moot court competition attracts legal brains

can only work if we have good lawyers who are able to interpret the law and provide the necessary skills and ensure that clients feel safe," she said. "This is part of our corporate social responsibility, there is no payment involved, we are

doing this at our own time, at our own cost. We feel these young student lawyers have the necessary knowledge but we have to give them the necessary practical aspect to what they are learning. Last year there was a cash reward

of K5000 and an internship to work with our law firm. So this year too, there will be a cash prize, the amount has not yet been set but by the time we reach the semifinals, we will know, and the internship is still available

for the overall winner." She also disclosed that the final moot court competition will be held in the Supreme Court chambers with real Supreme Court Judges who will hear the cases and deliver judgment "These are the quarter

finals, we are now going in the semi-finals. We have already picked winners from UNILUS, CAVENDISH and ZICAS, so UNZA is the last group to qualify to go to the semi-finals. The Universities will be competing against each other, today it was only UNZA against UNZA. The two Universities that will win the semifinals will compete in the finals which will be held in the Supreme Court chambers. So that's what we are aiming to do, exposing them to real Supreme Court judges and real life court," said Chiumuka. And winner of the UNZA moot court quarter finals, Mainga Simoonga, a third year Law student, said it was a privilege for him to be part of the competition. "I feel so privileged and honoured to be surrounded by so many people in the University of Zambia, particularly the school of law that are willing to support us to ensure that we get far. I am a product of so many people coming together and believing in me, I owe this success to my friends who helped me with the research because the greatest of people are those who lean on the shoulders of others," said Simmunga.



Participants of the Musa Dudhia inter university moot court competition at UNZA on Friday - Picture by Thomas Mulenga

Don't fear PF, make sure they go in 2021 – Kalaba

By Mirriam Chabala

PF should leave in 2021 without fail, Bahati member of parliament Harry Kalaba has demanded. And Kalaba says Zambians must not fear the Patriotic Front, but must instead make it impossible for the ruling party to buy votes in 2021. Speaking to Chingola residents yesterday when he visited Luano area, Kalaba told Zambians to rise up against the Patriotic Front government in the next election, saying the people had been robbed and taken for granted for far too long. Kalaba who is also 2021 presidential aspirant, asked residents to vote for him if they needed change in the way the affairs of the country were being handled. "Kuno kumwesu, nachisa ndeenda, namona ifyo abantu baikala nati tamwaikala bwino kuno. Batila ichalo bapata abantu, bamwena ku nkonko. So kuti mwamona ukutula kuno ukwisafye kumusebo ndeisa, nokwishiba naishiba ukuti aba abauku balibasula. Mu 2021, ndefwaya mukeme chipipya kuno nokulanda ukutula 'uno mwaka tatwamishindike, mwatulila masuku pamutwe pafula'. Apa pena ni tula twabane... mu 2021 PF kuya bebele, tekwesha nokubwelela iyo (I

came to this place walking so that I can see how you are living, and I have seen that you are suffering. It is said that a country where people are not loved, can be seen even from chickens. So you can see even from a distance that you people here are not respected by your leaders. But when elections come in 2021, I want you to move in your numbers and say 'we have escorted you [to State House] enough and you have always taken what's ours but now it's enough'. In 2021 PF should leave without fail)," Kalaba said. "Just like you have heard, I used to be Foreign affairs Minister. But I resigned because I saw that there was too much suffering in this country, as you are seated here some of you don't even know what you are going to plant this year. You have no idea how your children will go back to school, this is all because you have no sources of income. So me I have just come to tell you that in 2021, even I the son of Mr Kalaba will be eying for that shoe of Presidency. Are you going to support me? (audience cheering) You are the ones holding keys to your freedom, if you just open the door [by voting for me], even the fertilizer you are crying about will always

come on time. If you just use those keys to open the right door, even the lives of your children will completely change for the better." And Kalaba regretted that the Chinese nationals were taking away the ownership of the country from Zambians while citizens watched helplessly. He further asked Zambians to stand up for their country. "You have seen that this country is no longer in our hands, this country has been auctioned to foreigners and then we the owners of the country are just admiring

from afar. Stand up with me and other well meaning Zambians so that we can repossess the ownership of our country. The people doing our roads are Chinese, the people constructing our Airports are Chinese, even schools are being constructed by the Chinese. So what then will our own Zambian contractors make? We are just admiring where our own money is going. Where I come from they say 'a community's wealth is kept together with the people you know'. Unless the SIM card in your head

is damaged, you cannot prioritise the needs of your friends child when your own child is suffering," said Kalaba. "So am asking you, when that day [for elections] comes, go in your numbers to make the right decision. Don't be scared of these [PF] people, not even a little bit. If you get scared of them then you will be neglecting your country. If you start fearing the PF, they will continue eating while you will be suffering just like you are suffering now. The only things you will be benefiting are T-shirts and

Vitenges (wrappers) because that's how they know you. They think your votes are that easy to buy, but this time you should show them that the resources of the country must be shared equitably. You have been cheated for long. You have been so consistent in voting for these people but there is nothing that you are benefiting in the end. But are you also not people? Don't you also want to eat? Don't you want fertilizer and capital you women gathered here? So me I have spoken and this is where I have ended."

Petauke girl, 17, commits suicide after family stops her from marrying

By Diggers Reporter

A 17-year-old Petauke girl has committed suicide after her family told her she was too young to get married. In a statement today, Police spokesperson Esther Mwaata Katongo stated that Iveta Mbewe took a maize preservative pesticide.

"A girl aged 17 years identified as Iveta Mbewe of Kalandu village, Chief Mumbi in Petauke District committed suicide by taking maize preservative pesticide. Brief facts are that the family discouraged the deceased from getting married to her boyfriend aged 20 years of the same village on the basis that she was young to

get married. Not happy with the family decision, the Iveta decided to take her life by swallowing the pesticide. This happened on 1st September, 2018 at about 19 00 hours at her village. She was rushed to Minga Mission Hospital where she later died at about 22:00 hours," stated Katongo.

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Zambia can still achieve a GDP growth rate of 4.5 percent

By Abraham Kalito
Economist Chibamba Kanyama says Zambia can still achieve a Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth rate of 4.5 provided inflation rate remains below the 7.6 threshold. Kanyama told News diggers in an interview that the current inflation rate of 8.1 was a source of concern for investors and that it should be arrested sooner than later. “Though not an alarming figure, it requires significant attention and response by the authorities so that inflation does not compromise the economic growth target. I am not fully aware of the reasons why inflation has breached

the 8 percent mark at the time we expected it to drop given that the maize crop for 2018 is now in the market. Maize has significant weighting in the inflation basket and the price announced by the principle buyer, FRA, is non-inflationary. However, I can only speculate that the fuel price increases made in April are beginning to have an effect in the general price level by both the transport sector and manufacturing. There is usually a lag in industry

responses to fuel price adjustments. There is also a possibility [that] residential accommodation has had an impact on inflation,” he said. “The withholding tax requirements on rent income is now beginning to hit landlords, more so ZRA is understood to have appointed an agent to manage the process. Many landlords are refusing to lose an income and are, therefore, adjusting rent upwards to cushion the cost. The service industry

has generally responded aggressively to withholding tax. Remember this new approach of withholding tax at source has sealed all loopholes of tax evasion and avoidance and you will now find invoices that compute tax as a fee adjustment to the client. In a way, withholding tax for services has translated into an increase in fees. You may wish to know, as I understand, that accountants have significantly increased audit fees. This alone has

marker implications. If Zambian Breweries, Chilanga Cement, Zambia Sugar for example, are to pay twice or thrice more in audit fees than before, I do not see any reason why they will not pass on this extra cost to the consumer.” He warned that failure to control inflation rate would downgrade expected real GDP growth rate. “This may have happened to some companies in the past few months in anticipation of what they will pay in audit

fees. Inflation has also been driven by scarcity in certain consumables such as tomato in April, May, June as well as Kapenta. The whole issue is that 8.1 is a move towards double inflation, something we do not want to experience after the 2015/16 economic challenges. The rate also breaches the anticipated threshold by the Bank of Zambia. Remember recently BoZ indicated we may end the year at around 7.4 inflation rate and this is within the 2018 budget projections. If we do not arrest the increase in the rate of inflation, we risk downgrading our expected real GDP growth rate, a number that is closely watched by investors and creditors to government,” Kanyama said. “The rate as it stands may also tempt the BoZ to respond more aggressively through its monetary instruments to bring down inflation. What Zambia does not need at the moment is a strong handed monetary policy approach. So far, the BoZ has been pro-Economic activity, maintaining its policy rate to slow for expanded loan books by commercial banks. This has somehow yielded positive results towards productivity and all hints remaining equal such as the exchange rate remaining at less than K10/dollar and the copper price remains at above US\$6000/Tonne, Zambia can achieve a growth rate of 4.5 percent, not bad when we consider the fact that maize output was lower than last year. If BoZ intervenes in the market, it will impact on interest rates and availability of loanable funds to industry.” He said any instability in the economy currently would adversely affect members of the public and make investor lose confidence in the government. “In addition, this is not the time for Zambia to experience instability in macroeconomic variables particularly inflation, exchange rates and inflation rates given the huge debt stock. We also do not want to see a response from unions for cushion-backed salary increments because it will compromise the current strategy on economic austerity. All this requires a pragmatic and strategic approach that ensures inflation does not break into the double-digit figures as we close the year a snit has potential to affect investor confidence. As things stand, inflation is arrestable and my anticipation is that it will be around 7.6 by end of October,” said Kanyama.

PF can’t discipline KCM because it’s suppliers are top govt officials – Kalaba

By Mirriam Chabala
The PF government cannot take action against Konkola Copper Mines (KCM) for not paying its contractors because senior government officials are the biggest suppliers for KCM, says 2021 presidential aspirant Harry Kalaba. And Kalaba says he does not need the permission of any court for him to contest the 2021 general elections because it is his constitutional right. Speaking when he featured on a special interview on iWave radio in Chingola, Kalaba charged that the PF government could not take any action against KCM because the mining giant fed government officials and gave them handouts. “The reason you are currently having problems with KCM is because your leaders are dining with the bosses at KCM... the President was here recently, who prepared for the hosting of the President? It was KCM, everything is KCM, the boardroom was for KCM. How then can KCM pay their suppliers and contractors if the government that is supposed to ask them to do that is eating their food? Can government really have the authority to instruct them to do what is right? These jokes in government must come to an end, people are suffering and dying from diseases that are not supposed to kill them all because of the selfishness of the government. KCM is the biggest employer here in Chingola, now if KCM doesn’t want to pay contractors and suppliers and other workers then what will become of Chingola?” Kalaba asked. “The Minister of Mines gave



KCM a seven day ultimatum in which KCM needed to pay its workers but that seven days has elapsed and KCM is not worried about the action government would take because they know that MPs and other top leaders in PF are the biggest suppliers for KCM. So how can they end this problem? Each time they want some money for fuel or any pocket money, they just go to KCM and ask for a little something. But you can’t run a country like that, takwaba, you cannot have your cake and then eat all. So this is the problem we have at hand and we want a leadership that would challenge KCM to say ‘what you are doing is wrong and it cannot continue in Zambia because you are making people suffer. This behaviour by KCM will kill this town of Chingola because the way it is with contractors, once

you owe them their salary arrears then it means the suppliers will also be under pressure from the bank they borrowed money from. And they are even seated saying ‘no we will talk to them and everything will be okay.’” Kalaba warned that KCM’s days in Zambia were numbered. “We want our people to be saved from this suffering, KCM is having their last laugh. We have to stand up and say ‘no’ to this nonsense, it’s too much, mwachusha abantu pafula [you have mistreated people enough] and we can’t continue like this. So for me this issue of KCM, I am following it steadily because I want to see how far this story will go and how many more deaths will be recorded in the future. Why is KCM so special? KCM is not the only mining company that we have in this

country, we have Lumwana, we have Kansanshi,” he said. “So why don’t we hear these issues of none payment to contractors are Lumwana and these other mines? So the only thing that is special about KCM is that they are eating with leaders in the PF government, that’s the only reason why they are so special. Anything else, if they were not giving our leaders any kickbacks, they would have already been dealt with. I know how my colleagues [in PF] deal with issues. So the only reason why KCM is special is that the biggest suppliers are the leaders in PF, that’s the only reason why they are special. So for me I sending notice to KCM that today they can get away with it but I can tell them that days are numbered. And you know who is suffering in the end? it’s the local people of Chingola. Really what

kind of selfishness is this?” Meanwhile, Kalaba said he does not need the court’s permission to contest elections in 2021. “In 2021 I am also going to contest the Presidency because I am eligible to stand. And in this country, anyone can stand as President as long as you are 35 years old, that’s what our constitution says. If you are 35 years old, you can stand as President. So I am eligible, I qualify to stand as President and I don’t even need to consult the courts if I can stand as President or not, for me it’s straight forward. So in 2021 I am standing because I am convinced that the problems we have as country require the effort of all us as citizens to be addressed. So please support me by voting for me so that we can save this country of ours,” said Kalaba.

Abolishing bank charges could lead to job losses, BAZ warns

By Abraham Kalito

The Bank of Zambia's (BoZ) decision to abolish bank charges will only cripple the financial services industry and may result in some banking staff getting laid off, warns the Bankers Association of Zambia (BAZ). BoZ recently notified financial institutions, including commercial banks of its intention to abolish unwarranted bank charges, such as ATM charges, among others. The central bank last week announced that it has completed phase one of a review of unwarranted charges by commercial banks, which look set to be abolished. But BAZ chief executive officer Leonard Mwanza said that there was a justification as to why commercial banks slapped such charges on clients. He also warned that members of staff face getting sacked as a result of commercial banks who may choose to downsize. "So, as the central bank is proposing to reduce income on non-interest income via the fees and charges, it's very important for to ensure that we protect the stability of the banking sector from worsening because once we start having a stressed banking sector, I think the implications of the economy are much wider. We really don't want to see a tomorrow where we start seeing re-structuring processes in the banks and you know that whenever there is a hit on income, the first line, which is always looked at is staff cost. So, we don't want a future where tomorrow, banks are restructuring, we don't want to see banks laying off people. We don't want staff in banks to be laid off because of a decision that has been given on a populist demand position," Mwanza cautioned in an interview with News Diggers! He did, however, confirm that commercial banks received the BoZ notification on their intention to abolish unwarranted bank fees and charges. "I wish to confirm that the central bank has indeed given notification to all the commercial banks on what they deem to be unwarranted charges. And the only issue I need to speak to you is that at this stage the information was for notification purposes only to allow commercial banks and the central bank to discuss in detail so that banks are given an opportunity also to try and pull to the central bank that for some of those charges they highlighted where the fees are on a cost recovery basis, needs some kind of justification because there is a lot of infrastructure banks have to put in place to conduct those charges and in the process the discussion is about banks being able to

bring out their point of view in as far as the justifications to certain lines of charges. So, at this stage, what we would say is that, what the central bank did was to compare charges across the industry and where they felt a particular charge may be is not applicable to a number of banks they deemed may be unwarranted," Mwanza, a former Natsave chief executive officer, narrated. "But then, banks have different costs of structure, they have different strategies and investments that drive their businesses, so you cannot expect every bank to be at the same level. There are those

banks that are into retail and have various channels and that point of charges are to deliver some of this service. There is a justification that they need to at least recover the cost in order to ensure that, that service is continues to be provided. So, all I can say at this stage is that, there are some engagements in terms of trying to ensure that the views that are being expressed by the central bank, obviously which is maybe review of a number of people in the market who are complaining that the bank charges are relatively high, but on the other side, the banks have a reasonable

justification why certain costs and certain charges are there." He added that BAZ would liaise with the central bank to abolish just a few of the unwarranted charges. "So, I'm confident that in the very near future, a proper communication in terms of what will be the way forward in terms of what charges the central bank might agree that they should not apply and the future in terms of charges and fees in the market. So, it's all the banks through the Bankers Association of Zambia (BAZ) that will engage the central bank. And then once the common position that would

have been agreed, definitely, there will be an official communicate that will come through where the central bank will notify the public in terms of which charges are valid. But we throw caution because, for us, the interest is that these fees and charges are the ones that [are] making the banking sector to be fairly stable in terms of performance, and that's quite a big line," Mwanza added. He charged that the BoZ had neglected the interest of the commercial banks by abolishing the charges. "So, we need to ensure that we protect the business of banking in Zambia so that the current

jobs that are there in Zambia can be protected. So that the current investments that are in the market can be protected because it's very easy to say we will remove this particular line of income and everyone is happy, but what will it do to the economy if the banks at the end of the day come back and say, 'it's not profitable to deploy ATMs, it's better we don't deploy them?' We will be reverting the gains that we have made over these years. So, we should all work towards ensuring that as we made these decisions, the interest of the banking sector is taken into account," said Mwanza.

We've already won Kasenengwe, it's a done deal – PF

By Zondiwe Mbewe

PF deputy secretary general Mumbi Phiri says the on-going campaigns for the Kasenengwa parliamentary by-election are a formality because the ruling party has already won the seat. And Phiri says opposition political parties will have no campaign issues to talk about come 2021 because of the various developments which are going on across the country. In an interview with News Diggers! Phiri said it was a known fact that PF had already won the Kasenengwa by-election. She said the only thing PF was doing now was to sensitize the people so that they don't experience voter apathy. "It's a known fact that we have already won and the campaigns are going on very well. The only thing we are doing is to sensitise people so that we don't experience voter apathy," she said. "Next week I'm going there from Monday until the vote is cast. We are not relaxing. So those who are reading News Diggers! when they are demonizing us, Mast, they should continue reading, us we are in the bush talking to the people. Convincing then and pointing 'look at this health post we have brought'. So us it's work. Demonise us as much as you can News Diggers! where we see its making sense, its

pushing us to work," she said. Phiri wished the PF competitors, People's Alliance for Change and UPPZ best wishes in the by-election which is scheduled for this Thursday. "But it's good to have competitors. That's a democracy which everybody was crying for. We wish them well. We will see on September 6, who's going to win," she mocked. And Phiri said PF was committed to the peace accord, signed by the PF, UPND lower organs. "But the other thing which needs to be noted by the ordinary citizens of Zambia is that they should be able to compare, Eastern province is our stronghold, have you ever heard of violence breaking out? No. Where there's violence it's North Western province. Whose stronghold is that? So it's clearly showing that us as PF we are committed to the peace accord which was signed by our children and us women," she said. "Infact as leaders we should even feel ashamed that it's children who thought of coming up with that. It should have been us the top leadership who would have started with that. That's why you saw us taking a step as deputy secretary general and the secretary general to go to our colleagues so that we can live in harmony. And we have told people in our stronghold

never ever to attack each other. Why should we fight? We only differ in our political ideologies but the country we are serving is the same, Zambia. People now should be able to judge which party is violent." Phiri said she felt sorry for those who were claiming that PF was buying chancellors and defectors saying people were joining the party on their own. "And I feel sorry for those who are saying that PF are buying people like councillors and all the defectors. How much money can anybody have to buy all those people? How much money? And I can confirm, as the secretariat we are not giving anybody money. They are just coming on their own," she said. Meanwhile Phiri said the opposition political parties would have nothing to talk about come 2021 because of the developments going on. "I have always said that these opposition political parties

will have nothing to talk about come 2021. You will remember in 2021 that this is what Mumbi Phiri said. Because of the development which is there. In fact I was just coming from Monze [where] I lost my son-in-law. The village where we were was 36 kilometres from the road from Monze town. Communication towers are there, my phone was able to work through out the two days I was there, the health posts are there [so] what are they going to talk about? So let them talk and talk. You the News Diggers! you can write whatever you write, us we are working for 2021," she said. "And I would like to take this opportunity to thank the chief in that area and the headmen there. The way they received me, that's the way we are supposed to live under one Zambia one nation. And I get surprised how these politics can divide us. You can imagine, me I'm from Muchinga, my husband is from

Eastern province, my children are married. One is married from Monze, the other one is married from Katuba area. What tribe are my grandchildren? They are Zambians. Otherwise I'm so grateful, I couldn't believe the way we were received and looked after. That's the way we should live even in politics." Phiri warned individuals mudslinging and writing lies about her saying they would not manage to bring her down. "When I was in Turkey there was something which was circulating on social media that Mumbi Phiri has said that we should allow a Chinese to rule us. What sort of people have we become as Zambians? Lying, mudslinging, it's not right. And let me tell those people who like writing lies about me, I can assure you, you talk behind my back but God is promoting me in front of your faces," said Phiri.

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ZCID must allow Church to lead dialogue, says Mumba-led MMD

By Zondiwe Mbewe
Nevers Mumba-led MMD Spokesperson Dr Cephas Mukuka has urged the Zambia Centre for Inter-party Dialogue (ZCID) to swallow its pride and allow the church to lead the forth coming national dialogue. And Dr Mukuka has wondered why ZCID invited the Felix Mutati MMD faction to the said talks and not the other faction saying Nevers Mumba was the duly elected MMD leader, while the other grouping was illegal. In an interview with News Diggers! Dr Mukuka said the church stood a better chance to lead and spearhead the said dialogue. “As MMD, we support all calls to have the church lead the pending dialogue. It’s the natural role of the church to do so. The church stands better to lead, spearhead and facilitate the said dialogue. Each time the church speaks, it’s from a sacred platform. This is not to say that they cannot error, but to show respect and agree

that it’s their God given mandate to do so,” he said. Dr Mukuka observed that it was a global trend for the church

to engage in dialogue. “Actually it’s a global trend for the church to engage in such. In Zambia when late President Levy

Mwanawasa and the then opposition leader late Michael Sata had political differences, the church reconciled them

in full view of the world. In South Africa during and after Apartheid, the church played a pivotal role to end the racial discrimination. Later after independence, the truth and reconciliation commission was spearheaded by Archbishop Desmond Tutu, among other church leaders,” he said. “Most recently in the DRC, where President Joseph Kabila wanted to cling on to power, the church initiated dialogue leading to amicable Presidential elections coming up this year in December.” He urged ZCID to humble themselves and allow the church to lead the dialogue. And Dr Mukuka wondered why ZCID recognised the Felix Mutati-MMD led MMD faction instead of the one led by Mumba. “Examples are too many to give out. We urge ZCID, to humble themselves, swallow their pride and allow the church to lead the forth coming national dialogue. The failure by the ZCID not to invite us to the said talks leaves

much to be desired. Why should they invite the Hon Felix Mutati led illegal grouping attend? There is a land mark Supreme Court judgement ruling, recognising Dr Nevers Mumba as duly elected president of the MMD. Actually the said ruling dismisses the Felix Mutati case with huge costs to the tune of K2.5 million. This is in the public domain,” he said. “People may wish to know that upon having their case dismissed by the Supreme Court, the illegal Mutati-led MMD, has since rushed to the ConCourt. We expected the ZCID, to have engaged us for certain information before deciding to invite an illegal grouping. So our position remain unchanged, let the church lead the pending national dialogue. The dialogue is not between the PF and the UPND, as some people may think. It is involving all stakeholders and aggrieved individuals wanting to speak through their representatives,” said Dr Mukuka.



UPND President Hakainde Hichilema lays a wreath at the grave of late Mangango member of parliament Naluwa Mwene who died in a road accident last week
Picture by Brian Mwiinga

By Joseph Mwenda
Kabushi PF Member of Parliament Bowman Lusambo says he will construct a police station in his constituency using the “Bowman Lusambo Fund”. Lusambo said he is now ready to fulfil the promises that he made to the people during campaigns. He said this during the tour of his constituency on Saturday. “As a family we promised the people of Lubuto that we will build them a police station. Time has come that we should fulfill that promise. So as the Lusambo family, we will construct a police station using the Bowman Lusambo Fund,” he said.

Lusambo to build police station in Ndola from personal Fund

Later Kabushi PF Constituency Chairman Wilbroad Chileshe told Lusambo that 2021 would not be easy. Presenting the party concerns to Lusambo during a constituency meeting held at Lubuto Secondary School on Saturday, Chileshe said more hard work was needed in the PF. “Ba Honorable, we are happy that since your transfer to

Lusaka as Minister, you have constantly found time to come here and see the people who voted for you. This is very commendable because you have not forgotten the people. Our MP, before I give you time to address these party officials, let me say that 2021 is not going to be easy, if we don’t work,” Chileshe said. “There is a lot of lies in our party which we should stop immediately. Again ba

honorable, we are having party elections in the constituency and these elections should not divide us. We need to come out strong. So unity is very much important.” He complained that men have not benefited from any empowerment programs. Chileshe said men had been complaining that it was always women and youth empowerment that was talked about.

“The youth also, you need to do more. Men have been complaining that they are not talked about when it comes to empowerment, so ba honorable look at this matter also. Let this constituency feel also that our men benefit,” he said. In response Lusambo said there were projects that were coming to benefit everyone in the constituency. “You see our constituency

does not have industries. Everything like town, industries are in other constituency, so we need to work with what is within us. But we have projects that will change the face of Kabushi and a lot of our people including you officials will benefit. Me, I am MP for everyone in Kabushi,” said Lusambo said. On party constituency elections, Lusambo said he had no interest in contesting for any position. “These elections that we are having, let me tell you that Bowman Lusambo has no interest whatsoever. I will not contest for any position. It is yourselves to fight and prove that you are a leader. But I have heard some people wanting to buy off and bringing in some kwachas. If we are to go that route, we have the muscle to buy and put in leaders that we want. But that is not democracy. As PF we are a democratic party so we want to see you in these elections. These elections are not about me. My time is coming in 2021. Elections teyabana (small boys). Show us that you are capable and these elections will test you. For me its 2021 where I will be tested,” said Lusambo.

Kalomo hubby trails cheating wife in the bush, murders her boyfriend

By Diggers Reporter
A 26-year-old Kalomo man on Saturday murdered his wife’s 28-year-old lover as the duo was on its way to have sex in the bush. According to Southern Province police commissioner Bonny Kapeso, Gift Nambango trailed his wife and her lover, Japhet Chilindile, to the bush before hitting the latter with a steel bar. “A twenty-eight-year-old man has been murdered

on suspicion of having extra marital affair with another man’s wife in Kalomo. Japhet Chilindile of Macraymond Compound of Kalomo was last night allegedly trailed and hit with a steel bar by another man when the deceased and woman were heading to a bush with a view of having sex. The husband pretended going out on a business trip for some days but came back the same day to investigate whether it was true that his wife had a sexual relationship with

the deceased. Around 21:00 hours last night, he saw the two heading towards the bush and attacked the man who sustained two deep cuts and later died in Kalomo District Hospital,” stated Kapeso, Sunday. “Body of the deceased is currently in Kalomo District Hospital mortuary awaiting post mortem. The suspect, identified as Gift Nambango, 26, has already been nabbed and is currently in police custody where he will be charged with murder.”



Patriotic Front Secretary General Hon Davies Mwila addressing Central Province party structures at three (3) seasons lodge in Kabwe yesterday - Picture courtesy of Smart Eagles

NAPSA sues Technical Management Board for late payment of workers' contributions

By Zondiwe Mbewe
National Pension Scheme Authority (NAPSA) has dragged Lusaka Business and Technical Management Board to court for late payment of workers' contributions, demanding the sum K576,204, in respect of penalty arrears.

In a statement of claim filed in the Lusaka High Court, August 7, NAPSA stated that they were mandated by law to collect monthly statutory contributions from contributing employers at the end of each month. They further stated that if a contribution was not

paid within the stated timeframe, such a payment would attract a 20 percent cumulative penalty for each month. NAPSA alleged that the defendant had been remitting monthly contributions late and as a result had accumulated debt in form of penalty arrears amounting to K576,104. They stated that despite several reminders, the defendant had failed to pay the sum due. "The plaintiff will aver that the defendant has been remitting monthly contributions late and as a result, accumulated debt in form of penalty arrears amounting to K576,104.48. By letter demand dated July 26, 2017, the plaintiff demanded the settlement of the said sums owing and due. The plaintiff will aver at trial that despite several reminders and letters to ensure the defendant's mandatory compliance with the law, the defendant has failed to pay K576,104.48 now due to the plaintiff," read the statement of claim. They now claim for K576,104.48 in respect of penalty arrears as a result of late payment of contributions, interest on the claimed sum, damages, costs and other reliefs the court may deem fit.

People have accepted 30 ngwee charge, decision is final - Lungu

By Mukosha Funga
President Edgar Lungu has directed the Ministry of Communications to finalise the statutory instrument to effect the 30 Ngwee internet calling tariff saying people have already accepted it. And President Lungu says the move to install Highway speed cameras is also final, as the country cannot start moving backwards because of a few talkative people. Meanwhile, President Lungu says those who are bitter with government's cooperation with China want the country to remain primitive. President Lungu said this during a video call with some government officials and traditional leaders whilst at Huawei offices in China. Ministry of Communications Permanent Secretary Misheck Lungu told President Lungu that there was a hiccup with the way the 30 Ngwee tariff was announced. "I really want to appreciate your guidance and assure you that going forward, we want to implement a broadband strategy and ensure that most of our parts have internet so that all these e-platform activities are going to be rolled out on the internet. And I think we face two hiccups in terms of the way we announce the 30 Ngwee user charge," said Misheck before President Lungu cut him off saying, "Forget about the 30 Ngwee. It's gone, it's not an issue anymore. The people have accepted it. Let's move. Don't even talk about it." And President Lungu said even the installation of the speed cameras was final. "Even the [speed] cameras, forget. The people said 'improve signage', we improved signage. We cannot be going backwards when the nation, the continent and the entire globe is moving forward just because of talkative Zambians, no, don't be cheated, people are appreciating these things. So put a close to the cameras, the 30 Ngwee put a close and

make sure that the towers are put throughout the country so that we move," he said. Meanwhile, President Lungu said those who were bitter with government's cooperation with China wanted the country to remain primitive. "You can see why some people are very bitter with our cooperation with the People's Republic of China, they want us to remain primitive, so tell them," President Lungu said, after Chief Shakumbila hailed him for improving connectivity in the rural areas. In response, Chief Shakumbila advised the Head of State to ignore detractors. "You don't have to listen to them your excellency, your job is to put Zambia where you want to put Zambia and everybody is looking forward to that.

Zambians have entrusted you with all the responsibility of doing what you think is better for Zambians. Those who talk can talk because talking never comes to an end," said Chief Shakumbila. And E-Government Permanent Secretary Dr Martine Mtonga informed President Lungu that the e-voucher system was already up and running. "Yesterday was 1st September and we opened up the e-voucher system. The system now is operational in all the districts except a few challenges in the provincial administration Copperbelt and Provincial administration Central [Province] but my team is going there tomorrow to go and sort out the challenges they are having. So the system

has started and farmers yesterday started collecting inputs where it was available in agro-dealing shops. And also, we have already popularised it to the areas where we have fertiliser in the shades. There also, we have deployed biometrics, Monday we will be meeting some banks to tell them that the system is open now and they can log in and also transmit to the farmers that have deposited. On this type of system we are using currently, we have deployed it to all the ministries except two, including your office Your Excellency, State House. But we want to encourage the honourable ministers to be using this type of system so that they can shorten the time of action," said Dr Mtonga. In response, President Lungu

said implementing the e-government system was a progressive move. "Thank you so much for going ahead and implementing the system. Most of these systems we are implementing, we found them but our predecessors were too afraid of these corruption allegations and innuendos by detractors. I am not ashamed to say these ideas are not mine, but they were somewhere in shelves gathering dust. The e-Cabinet was there, they talked about it but they couldn't implement it until I came and I said we are going to do it. So of us are scared of buttons and tabs and so on but we are all familiar now, we are working so well with the system, thumbs up, keep it up," said President Lungu.

GBM laughs at PF's desire to ban UPND from future elections

By Abraham Kalito
UPND Vice president Geoffrey Bwalya Mwamba says President Edgar Lungu is rambling and will continue to do so because he knows that his term of office is about to expire. And Mwamba who is popularly known as GBM charged that President Lungu is using the constitution to create a one-party state, which the UPND will not accept. GBM was reacting to President Lungu's statement that peaceful campaign in Kasenengwa were a demonstration that the UPND was a violent party, and that banning it from taking part in future elections would be one way of uniting the country. "We wish to condemn in the strongest possible terms the unwarranted attack and the unending contempt and disdain against multi partyism in Zambia that Mr Edgar Lungu and his PF party are exhibiting and championing, using public resources and executive privileges. In his address at a rally in Kasenengwa, Mr

Lungu expressed his desire to ban the UPND from all future elections because he believes that's the only way true democracy will be achieved in Zambia. Not too long-ago Mr Lungu expressed his outrage that President Hakainde Hichilema was the President of Zambia's biggest opposition party and urged the UPND members to oust him. This man's hate and bitterness for political opponents is beyond the pale, it is out of this world and is, as a matter of fact, disgraceful and an embarrassment to this country," he said. "Walasabaila Edgar taulati' Edgar's statement also revealed his intentions of wanting UPND banned knowing too well that it is forming government, his reasoning on violence does not make sense at all. Deep in his heart he is celebrating because he has no competition in Kasenengwa, UPND is not there and he has no pressure of sending cadres to Kasenengwa, as has been the case in other by- elections like Shiwangandu where my entourage

was attacked. Violence is a tool Edgar and PF are using to intimidate voters. This is a true manifestation of hate and dangerous path which Lungu wants to take our country to, and Zambians will not allow it." He said President Lungu has been creating and encouraging tribalism in his campaign messages instead of addressing serious issues affecting Zambians. "It is so embarrassing that someone calling himself President can stand in front of stressed farmers and hungry citizens and preach hate instead of informing them the solution he has for the farmers knowing too well that the same people call him and his party 'Paya Farmer'. I advise Edgar to address issues affecting people in Kasenengwa instead of talking about UPND which is not there. We know Edgar has nothing to say because his failure to govern is seen from poverty, hunger, unemployment and the huge debt. Zambia will hold him responsible should this hate spread across the

country. In the 1990s, our people took to the streets and rejected UNIP's one party dictatorship because they abhorred a system which perpetually controlled and monopolised their rights and stifled their freedoms and civil liberties against shared values and common sense," said GBM. "Instead of being the custodian of the constitution, the latter is in his custody, instead of promoting it's sacredness, he desecrates it with impunity, instead of upholding it he holds it hostage. The UPND and all citizens of good will wish to send a categorical and resounding message to Mr Lungu. We shall not be bullied neither shall we succumb to his will to surrender the hard-won democracy to the fantasy and whims of his wild dreams of one party dictatorship. It will not happen now, and it will not happen in future. I call upon the Church and the country to pray for Edgar Lungu whose heart is filled with hate so that for once he treats all as brothers and sisters with the love they deserve."

President Edgar Lungu says Zambians have accepted the 30 ngwee internet calling tariff, and has since directed Ministry of Communications and Transport Honourable Brian Mushimba to go ahead and sign the Statutory Instrument which will put the government policy into effect.

Speaking from China where he is on a week-long working visit, President Lungu also said the move by the Road Transport and Safety Agency to install Highway speed cameras was final, in order to ensure that the country stays updated with technological advances in road safety.

We do not have a problem with the installation of speed cameras mounted on major High Ways in Lusaka, and we believe that we speak on behalf of many responsible motorists when we say this initiative should be rolled out to the rest of the country as soon as possible.

Only a fool would argue that there is no need for speed limits on the roads when death statistics from road accidents are in plain sight for all to see. In fact, we don't know of any major city out there in the developed world where there are no Highway speed cameras or where motorists are allowed to drive like racing mice in a maize field. Road safety is key to any developing nation.

What people hated about this development was the corruption allegation associated

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We support speed cameras, but not Internet call charges

with the awarding of the contracts to the companies that won the tender to supply and install these cameras. There, we have a problem, and this problem is not unique to RTSA. There is a serious lack of transparency in the awarding of government contracts in Zambia, to the extent that kickbacks and single sourcing have become part of the procurement process.

But just like the fire tenders, the speed cameras are now here and we have no option but to make use of them, regardless of the irregularities linked to the purchase.

Of course there are challenges that RTSA needs to address urgently in order for these speed cameras to achieve their intended purpose. For example, the method

of notifying speeding motorists via SMS will bring confusion because there are many vehicles on the Zambian roads that are driven by third parties, rather than absolute owners whose phone contacts may be on the RTSA database.

And even assuming that the erring motorist is the absolute owner of the vehicle, there is no law that states that to drive a car in Zambia, you must own a cell phone, let alone, an active SIM card, to which RTSA can send the speeding ticket notification.

This, plus many more implementation technicalities need to be rectified as a matter of urgency before motorists start to get inconvenienced when going to renew their vehicle documents.

Otherwise, anyone who has witnessed the reduced speed on the major Highways in Lusaka can attest to the fact that Zambians have accepted this move.

But when President Lungu says Zambians have accepted the 30 ngwee charge on WhatsApp and Internet calling, we wonder which citizens our Head of State is referring to. Who has accepted this charge? His family and his Cabinet Ministers or the taxpayers?

What President Lungu is doing is called bullying not leading. Can the President point to a single sector in the country that has accepted this criminal policy? Cell phone subscribers have protested the move, the Chamber of Commerce and Industry has rejected

it, the Centre for Trade Policy and Development wants the move reversed, Transparency International Zambia says it's illegal; even the leadership of the state owned Policy Monitoring and Research Center has condemned the decision, not to mention the opposition political parties. So which Zambians have accepted the policy for President Lungu to say 'that case is closed and the decision is final'?

We know that the government is completely broke. We have seen that all of a sudden, they have remembered that university students owe them bursary loans and they want that money repaid with immediate effect starting this September month end. We have seen that they

are now desperately selling vehicles at a loss after buying them at staggering prices in bulk. We have seen that civil servants are being denied their rights to commute leave days, meaning that it will be impossible for those who have been retired to get their leave benefits.

All those desperate measures point to one word; "broke". But this is no good way of treating citizens. It's outright dictatorship for President Lungu to bully his way into citizens' pockets, without even giving satisfactory reasons for collecting taxes.

There are still a lot of unanswered questions around this issue which the government has failed to answer. Even ZICTA itself has not been furnished with adequate information regarding this policy to enable them explain to the people how it will be implemented.

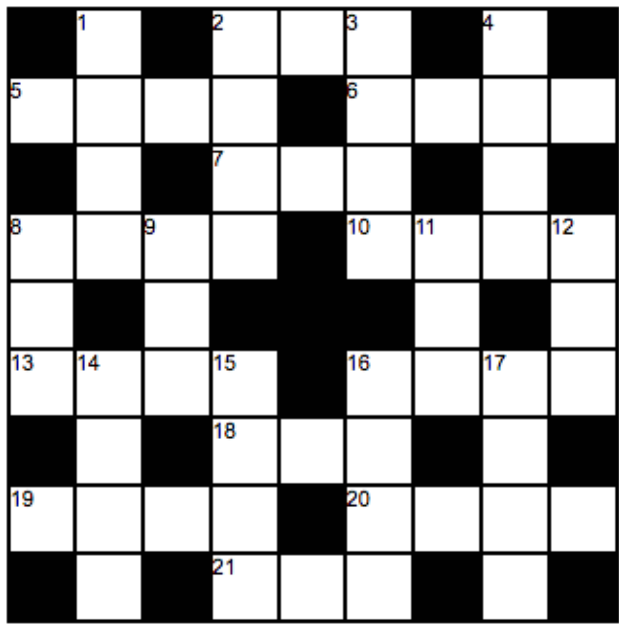
We asked ZICTA the other week to explain who would be paying the 30 ngwee between the initiator of the call and the recipient, their response was that they had not been given details of the policy and as such, they don't know.

Anyway, PF is lucky that Zambians have the tendency of accepting stupidity. They see stupid leaders making stupid decisions and all they can do is make stupid jokes out of the nonsense; and then when that stupidity starts to reflect in the country's economy, they start praying to God for solutions.

Crossword puzzle 178

"The power of the people is much stronger than the people in power"
- Wael Ghonim

Solutions to puzzle 177



- Across
2. Wee drink
5. Spill the beans
6. "My bad!"
7. Everything
8. Bleak
10. Floor or table light
13. Small storage structure
16. Rouse from sleep
18. Make do
19. Volcanic flow
20. British title
21. Passing fancy
- Down
1. Pooh, for one
2. Close a door loudly
3. Survey
4. E-junk mail
8. Pump it into cars
9. Summer cooler
11. American Automobile Assoc.
12. A dessert
14. Leader
15. Unhearing
16. Garden intruder
17. Small motor vehicle



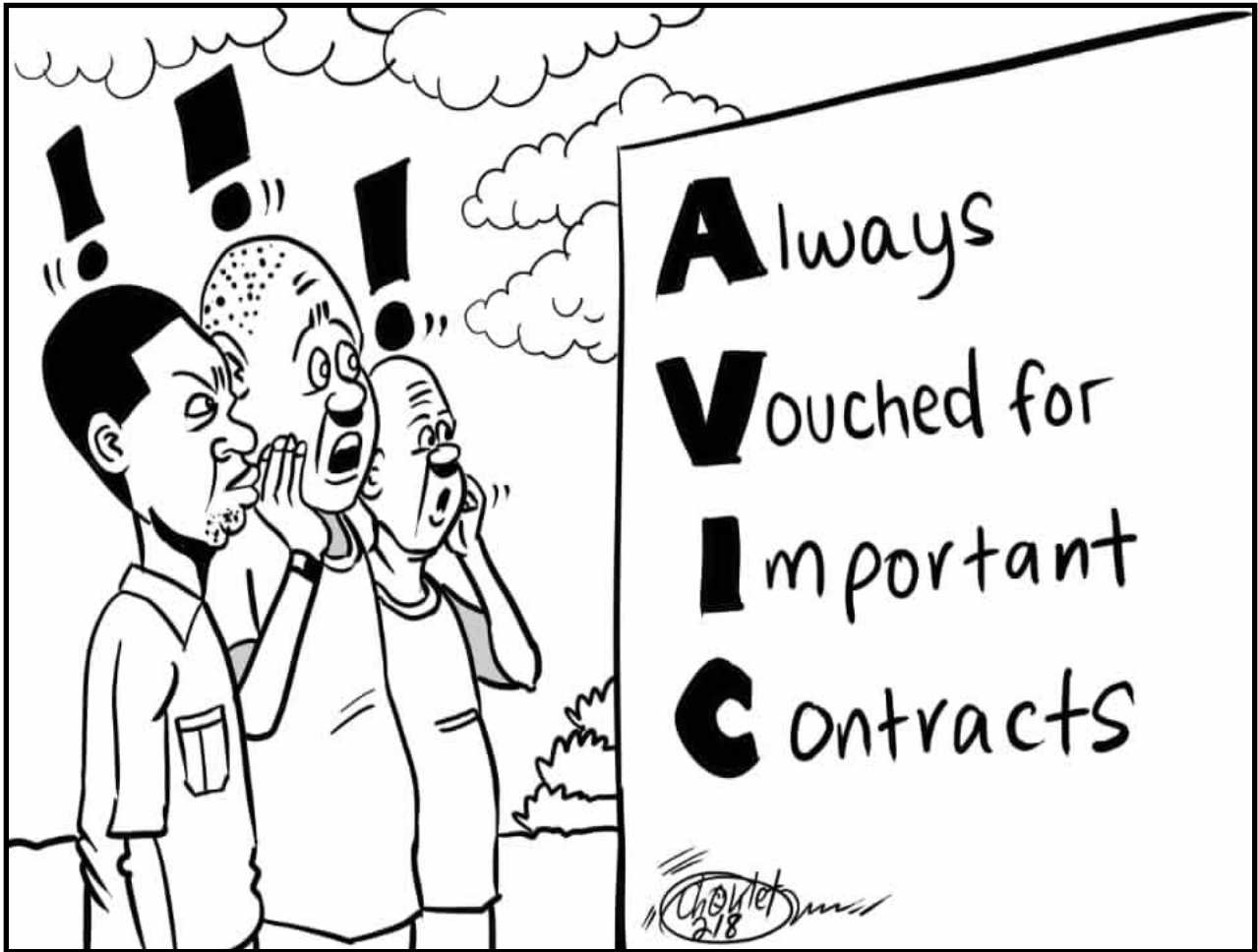
Reader's feedback

ZCTU’s warning for civil servants to brace for a debt-induced national crisis

Editor,
“I think the revelations by brother Nkole is awake up call to workers and unions in Zambia to get organised in readiness for the worst economic meltdown ever. Passiveness will not help us. Unions should stand up and lead!” - Oast J Choongo

“Thank you for reminding us, sir. Your observations are not new to us. We saw this coming from 2016.” - John Mufichani

“Mr president (ZCTU) at this point, I put it straight to you and your executive that you have failed us more than 100% as members. You should not be telling us to brace for hard times at this time. What is your job? What we have suffered in the last few years it’s like you do not exist for us. Someone should help me why I should continue contributing to a group of people who cannot represent me effectively. Sad indeed.” - Stanley Sitali



Chiengi MP’s appeal to honour Chiluba's legacy

Editor,
“Which legacy????? Trunks of shoes, suits and London judgement!!!! Abomination. Do not insult the intelligence of Zambians.” - Matakala Musialela

“Madam MP, the reason is simple; the former president name is associated with corruption...The image was dented beyond redemption....” - John Bwalya

“He had a good start, but the moment he realized that power was sweet, ka boom!” - Tonny Mukutu

“Chiluba was a thief. He was convicted both in Zambia and UK. How then do you honour a thief? Do you know what such a move can lead to? Foolish.” - Kana Thomas Sankara Besa

“You are right, Honourable. The democracy, freedom and free market we enjoy was pioneered by Fredrick Titus Chiluba.” - Ronald Kampolwa

“One of the best we had. His legacy goes beyond any names. History cannot be re-written. Overnight, we stopped chasing after buses. Instead, buses started following us at our homes; we no longer had to queue for essentials; we became landlords. We started speaking freely. Above all, his oratory was second to none.” - Gershom Chilukusha

“We're not fools, and so we will not dance around for good for nothing politicians. Whatever legacy Chiluba should have had was erased by his selfishness, his looting of our resourses and his desire for 3rd term.” - Jenny Chirwa

Magande’s view over IMF's withdrawal of Baldini

Editor,
“This man and Mwanawasa did a good job. Most of the debts were written off, there was seriousness from the Head of State in fighting corruption; cadres were not powerful like now where they can even threaten the Mayor. There's no respect for the rule of law, no austerity measures. This country is basically on auto pilot.” - Nduulwa David Namala

“Hon. Magande, please can you advise the powers that be on how you managed to get rid of the debt burden during your time in office! It seems there a lack of policy direction or probably a lack of prudence somewhere!” - Sikabenga Ng'anda

“The problem is the hunger to spend that is in the current government. The entire Minister of Finance informs us of the austerity measures, the next thing we are seeing VXs being bought. Before we know it, the Chinese are told continue building even though we have no money to pay them. How can an organisation you are seeking help from even assist us? IMF asked us to provide our loan balances, we couldn't do the right thing by tabulating our debts because we didn't want to alarm the nation.” - Solomon H. Phiri

“In my view Mr. Magande is not saying all

that needs to be said about the implications of IMF decision to withdraw one of their own staff. Would it not more prudent to state that what Dr. Baldini tells his successor will have a profound impact on how the negotiations will pan out!?” - Joseph Chisenga

Kambwili on Lungu abusing authority by giving ministerial houses to relatives

Editor,

“Chishimba Kambwili is a lion; a true Zambian meaningful leader. He is a man of the moment. Great men are rarely found like CK.” - Sibongile Kayasa

“Yes, pin him. He is too pompous, ill heart, malicious and has vulgar language. Make sure he sweats in court. Go, go CK.” - Norman Chan

“I have just watched CK press briefing on prime TV. These are very serious issues that require immediate response from those that have been accused.” - Steven Mazyopa

“CK, but ministers are no longer living in most "Ministerial Houses." Some of those houses have been abandoned and look like museums...Again, why is CK talking about Dan Siwo now when he has been there even that time himself was minister? Why now?” - Edmond Arthur Soko

The US military plans to cancel \$300 million in aid to Pakistan due to Islamabad's lack of "decisive actions" in support of American strategy in the region, the Pentagon said Saturday.

The US has been pushing Pakistan to crack down on militant safe havens in the country, and announced a freeze on aid at the beginning of the year that an official said could be worth almost \$2 billion.

The Defense Department has sought to cut aid by \$300 million "due to a lack of Pakistani decisive actions in support of the South Asia Strategy," Lieutenant Colonel Kone Faulkner said in an email to AFP.

"We continue to press Pakistan to indiscriminately target all terrorist groups," Faulkner said, adding that the latest aid cut request was pending Congressional approval.

The announcement came days before US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo is scheduled to visit Islamabad to meet new Prime Minister Imran Khan.

Pakistan has fought fierce campaigns against homegrown militant groups, and says it has lost thousands of lives and spent billions of dollars in its long war on extremism.

But US officials accuse Islamabad of ignoring or even collaborating with groups, which attack Afghanistan from safe havens along the border between the two countries.

The White House believes that Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence agency and other military bodies have long helped fund and arm the Taliban for ideological reasons, but also to counter rising Indian influence in Afghanistan.

It also believes that a Pakistani crackdown could be pivotal in deciding the outcome of the long-running war in Afghanistan.

US frustration has boiled over before: President Donald Trump's predecessor Barack Obama authorized drone strikes on Pakistani safe havens and sent US commandos to kill jihadist kingpin Osama bin Laden in his Abbottabad hideout.

But Trump's aggressive language has especially angered Pakistani officials.

"The United States has foolishly given Pakistan more than 33 billion dollars in aid over the last 15 years, and they have given us nothing but lies & deceit, thinking of our leaders as fools," Trump wrote on Twitter at the beginning of the year.

"They give safe haven to the terrorists we hunt in Afghanistan, with little help. No more!"

Pakistani leaders disputed the \$33 billion figure, insisting that around half of the money relates to reimbursements, and the prime minister's office accused Trump of ignoring the great sacrifices the country has made to fight extremism.

In March, a senior US official said that Pakistan has "done the bare minimum to appear responsive to our requests," and concerns over a lack of

Pentagon moves to scrap \$300 million in aid to Pakistan



The US announced a freeze on aid to Islamabad at the beginning of the year, sparking protests in Pakistan

action by Islamabad against militant groups still persist. The announcement came weeks after Pakistan's new Prime Minister Imran Khan

took office amid concerns he would remain tolerant of terror groups including the Taliban and the notorious Haqqani network.

Khan has repeatedly blamed Pakistan's participation in the US-led anti-terror campaign for the surge in terrorism on home soil over the last decade

and has vowed to rebalance Islamabad's relationship with Washington. He has also shown a willingness to hold talks with militant

groups and sought support from religious hardliners in the run-up to elections last July -- moves that prompted critics to christen him "Taliban Khan". Some analysts warn there may be no real way to pressure Islamabad and say a suspension in aid could see the US lose crucial influence over Pakistan which will instead look to other countries for support, particularly its longtime ally China.

Despite the provocations, the US does not want to completely rupture its relationship with Pakistan, where anti-American sentiment already runs high. Washington's footprint in Afghanistan is much smaller than it was at the height of the war, but it needs access to Pakistan's supply lines and airspace.

Pakistan is still believed to have the strongest influence over the Taliban, making its cooperation necessary for peace talks. **AFP**

Bobi Wine: Uganda's pop star MP arrives in US for treatment

Ugandan pop star and MP Bobi Wine has arrived in the US for medical treatment following accusations he was tortured and beaten while in military custody. The former rapper was initially prevented from leaving the country but was cleared to fly out on Friday. He, and 32 opposition politicians, were charged with treason last week over the alleged stoning of President Yoweri Museveni's convoy. Bobi Wine was later granted bail. The army denies allegations of torture. On Friday, police confirmed that Bobi Wine had been cleared to fly out of the country for specialised treatment after the government sent a team of nine doctors to examine him. His lawyer, Robert Amsterdam, said the pop star had also been violently re-arrested at the airport on Thursday "even though the judge had let him have his passport because he needed to leave the country for medical reasons". A police spokesman had confirmed on Twitter that

Bobi Wine was being given a medical examination because of the allegations of torture. Police said that another opposition MP, Francis Zaake, who was also trying to go abroad for treatment, had been "trying to flee the country and accordingly apprehended him". On Friday, supporters of Bobi Wine held protests in the capital, Kampala. Pictures shared on social media showed plumes of smoke rising in the streets, with local media reporting that the protests were confined to Kamwokya slum, where the MP grew up. On Monday Bobi Wine, whose real name is Robert Kyagulanyi, appeared on crutches during a court appearance. His allies say he was tortured by elite presidential guards during his detention. The army have described the allegations as "rubbish". His aides say he was later re-arrested at Uganda's main international airport where he was planning to board a plane to Washington for further medical treatment. **BBC**



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Sven urges fans to support team over individuals

By Alex Chilumbwe

Chipolopolo coach Sven Vandenbroeck has appealed to fans to desist from supporting particular players in the national team adding that winning is always a team effort. Vandenbroeck also said he did not have favourites in the team as each player had a role to play. In an interview with Goal Diggers! Vandenbroeck said every player called for the squad was active in their respective clubs and would need unbiased support. "I do not look up to one player or a group of players that is why I called who I think would make a good squad. People should not be supporting particular players like three or four but the whole team. They all have a role to play and they each contribute something to the squad therefore, it is only right to support all of them," Vandenbroeck said. Asked why he did not organize an international friendly match before the Namibian encounter, and if it could affect the players' performance during the qualifier game, Vandenbroeck

said he would have organized one had he seen the need. "There was no need for me to organize a friendly match before facing Namibia. As of today (Saturday) I have seven international players in camp and they are all active in their clubs. Even local ones are also very active so I did not see the need for an international friendly match. I did not and I still do not see the significance of a friendly, I would rather use the time to work on other things in camp. We just need to ensure we will the game so that we are on a bright side of the qualifications. A friendly would have meant losing three days of training because players need to recover after the game," said Vandenbroeck. Seven players have since reported in camp with the bigger number from TP Mazembe. More would be expected to trek in up to Sunday evening.



Kalusha Bwalya (c) poses with organizers and participants of the *Zambian legends soccer match at Barca Sports Academy yesterday* - Picture by Alex Chilumbwe

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Nkana football club midlands supporters have expressed concern over the security of spectators and supporters in stadiums and have intervened by tightening security surrounding Edwin Imboela stadium. Patron of the group Chileshe Kandeta said security was one of the challenges that rocked most stadiums. Speaking to Goal Diggers! Kandeta voiced out on what he had observed at Imboela stadium that prompted him to spearhead a community service act for the stadium through his security group. "When we came to play Green Buffaloes last week, we noticed that the wire around the stadium was not good enough to offer security to both the players and the spectators. So we decided to do some form of community service as Nkana football club supporters by not only donating the wire but also fix it for them. The wire is 50 meters and I'm positive it will tighten the security system around this place. It is only right to support fellow clubs as a way to loot out evils that characterize football games," Kandeta said. Kandeta also said his supporters' club had been accused of violence and hooliganism towards opponents and called the accusation a lie. "I know we Nkana supporters have been accused of violence and that is not the case. We are just so dedicated and passionate about our club to an extent of

Nkana fans aid Nkwazi FC

having created a supporters management programme that regulates the behaviour of supporters and spectators," Kandeta said. Kandeta blamed spectators for the violence attributed

to Nkana supporters. People need to understand that there is a difference between a spectator and a supporter. The spectators are the ones that sometimes cause trouble when they

come to join us, supporters. We are now under the programme sensitizing them about good conduct around the pitch and generally telling them to behave in an acceptable manner

during matches. We have security committees in both midlands and Kitwe with each committee comprising 25 people. We want to handle the behaviour of both our spectators and supporters

so that we are no longer deemed violent. We would also want to see other clubs follow suit and form such security groups so that we retain the sanity around the game," said Kandeta.

Buffaloes, ZESCO share spoils

By Alex Chilumbwe

Green Buffaloes FC (GBFC) and ZESCO United on Saturday shared points with both teams looking to soar in week 31 of the FAZ/MTN super league games. NAPSA Stars on the other side out powered 'Aba Yellow' Power Dynamos, a win that revived the pensioners' hopes out of the relegation zone. In an interview with Goal Diggers! ZESCO United coach George Lwandamina expressed dissatisfaction with the result as he hoped to widen the points gap with Green Buffaloes. "I expected nothing but a win at home but football is unpredictable and we came from behind and managed to equalize. I understand the result and it is a good thing we shared the points instead of losing all of them. Buffaloes was very good defensively and finding a goal was very comforting. We still have a few games to go so we will train harder and see if we can win

all of them," said Lwandamina. And Buffaloes coach Biltone Musonda said only a win away was a good result but took refuge in the draw. "We scored first but unfortunately there was a loop in defense and they equalized.

It is not easy against ZESCO at home and my boys did their best. We had trained for a win but a draw is not so shabby. I know others will say we have failed to top the league but we cannot know how it will turn out in the end," said Musonda.

You remember Banda scored for the combatants in the 37th minute while Jesse Were equalized for team yaziko in the 63rd minute and the game ended in a 1-1 draw with the former on 63 points and the latter 64.

Meanwhile, NAPSA Stars managed a 4-1 win against Power Dynamos at Arthur Davies stadium. NAPSA is 19th placed on the table with 29 points while Power has 49 and is 7th on the table. NAPSA's goals came from Bornwell Mwape, Danny Silavwe, Collins Sikombe and Geoffrey Serunkuma in that order, while Alex Ng'onga pulled one from the spot for Power Dynamos. Other results include ZANACO 6-1 New Monze Swallows, National Assembly 1-1 Kitwe United, Lusaka Dynamos 3-1Nkwazi, Green Eagles 2-0 Nchanga Rangers and Forest Rangers 2-2 Red Arrows.

FAZ confirms Kashala as SG

By Alex Chilumbwe

FAZ on Saturday confirmed Adrian Kashala as general secretary after operating under the title for a period over five months without confirmation. In a press statement availed to the media through communications manager Desmond Katongo, Kashala was confirmed as general secretary while FIFA referee Janny Sikazwe as Technical Director subject to secondment by his employers.

"In line with article 38(3) of the Football Association of Zambia, FAZ president has proposed and the FAZ executive members have accepted under clause 38(4) the appointment of Mr Adrian Kashala as FAZ general secretary with effect from 1st September 2018. The FAZ executive members have further appointed FIFA referee, Mr Janny Sikazwe as FAZ Technical Director subject to secondment by his employers," read the statement.

FAZ also said Green Eagles were the rightful Barclays Cup representatives as opposed to Lusaka Dynamos according to a ruling by the adhoc committee chaired by lawyer Lombe Mbalashi. Green Eagles were handed the slot on an account of having accumulated more points than Lusaka Dynamos after all teams had played 19 matches at the time of qualifying for the Cup. Eagles will face Green Buffaloes in the quarterfinals therefore.

KALUSHA BWALYA DEFIES CRITICS

By Alex Chilumbwe
Former Football Association of Zambia president Kalusha Bwalya yesterday received plenty of love when he pitched up to grace a Zambian legends match aimed at raising awareness against match fixing and other vices afflicting the sport. World football mother-body, Fifa, has banned Bwalya for two years after being found guilty of violating the body's code of ethics on "confidentiality and the offering and accepting of gifts and other benefits." But he was yesterday invited to a match for Zambian legends aimed at raising awareness against age cheating, match-fixing, doping and rights based abuse. When he arrived at the Barcelona Futsal and Sports Complex in Lusaka, Bwalya took time to greet the different former players that participated in the match among them his brother Joe, Emmanuel Zulu, Vesper Janza, Dabid Chilufya, Numba Mumamba,

Nchimunya Mweetwa, Dr. Joseph Kabungo and Kabamba Kalande. He then took time to juggle the ball, had a kick about before later proceeding to watch the game. He did not play in it. Bwalya then proceeded to greet national team players who were training on the next pitch. He was warmly welcomed by all the players among them Rainford Kalaba and Nathan Sinkala. The 1988 African Footballer of the Year was accompanied to greet the players by FAZ executive member Lee Kawanu. The Seven Aside match was organised by Safe and Inclusive Sport, an initiative supported by the Norwegian Olympic and Paralympic Committee and Confederations of Sport.



FIFA banned Soccer legend Kalusha Bwalya greets Nathan Sinkala and other national team players in training at Barca Sports Academy in Lusaka - Picture by Alex Chilumbwe



Night moves: Novak Djokovic celebrates a point in his US Open third-round victory over Richard Gasquet on Saturday. AFP



Cardiff 2-3 Arsenal: Alexandre Lacazette hits late winner for Gunners and seals points for Arsenal in thriller - Photo credit: Reuters